

REMARKS

Applicant has noted that the Examiner has indicated that claims 2 and 10 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

However, Applicant respectfully submits that not only claims 2 and 10 but also the remaining claims are patentable over the art of record.

Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the claims as being anticipated or rendered obvious by the newly cited reference to Mojonnier, are respectfully requested.

Applicant respectfully points out that the principal components of the container according to the present invention is the support device 30, 34; 54. This support device is arranged in the connection frame 26, 28. The support device is located within the container, as is particularly clear from Fig. 5.

It is the position taken by the Examiner that the reference to Mojonnier also contains a support device in form of

"stiffening ribs 35" on the outer sides of the container parts. Moreover, in the connection area, the container parts contain support elements for opposite portions 36a and 36b which extend in the horizontal direction along the outer circumference of the container parts and protrude outwardly.

In accordance with the present invention, on the other hand, the support device is arranged in the area of the connection frame 30 and is located within the container. The support device extends in the vertical direction in order to absorb vertical forces. This can be seen in Fig. 5, where the support device extends in the area of the opening between the two container parts into the interior of the container.

The ribs 35 of the cited reference are located outside of the connection frames of the two container parts. The elements 36a and 36b do not extend within the interior of the container in the vertical direction, but they are arched outwardly and extend in the horizontal direction along the outer circumference of the connection frame.

Accordingly, the newly cited reference of record does not disclose or suggest the present invention as claimed and,

rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103 should be withdrawn.

Therefore, in view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited.

Any additional fees or charges required at this time in connection with the application may be charged to Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 11-1835.

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